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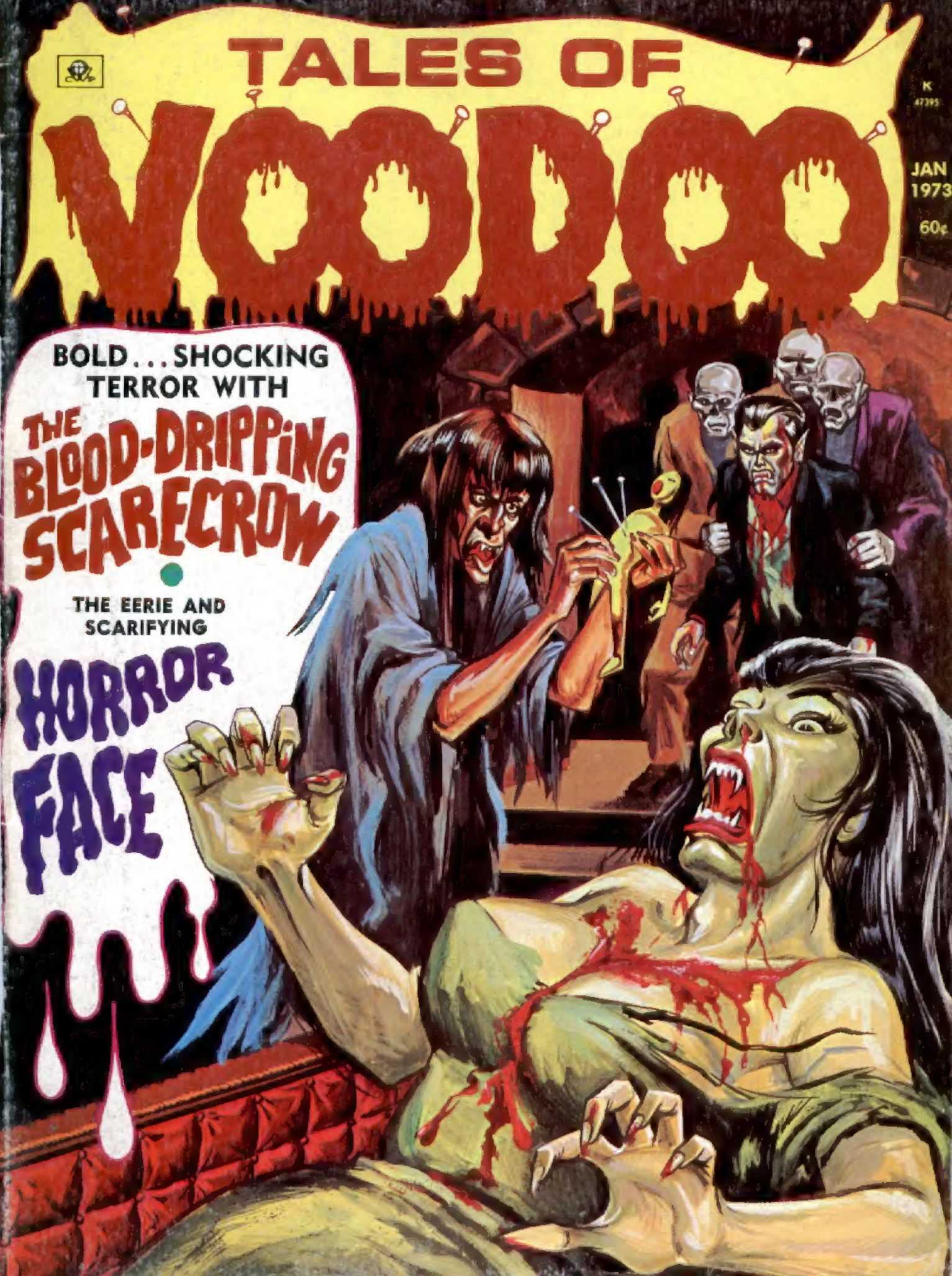

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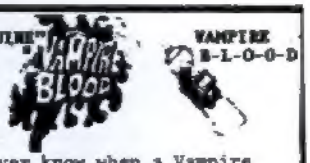

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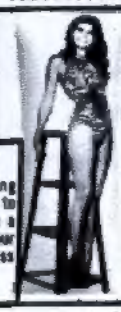

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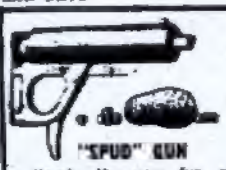

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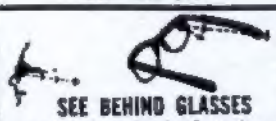

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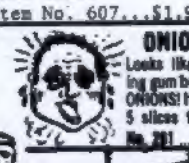

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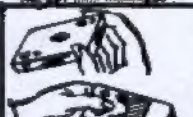

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RETRIBUTION...HOWEVER JUST...IS OFTEN WEIRD AND VIOLENT! BUT NONE WAS MORE HORRIBLE.. ..OR MORE JUST THAN THAT DEALT OUT TO BENTLEY LONG...
THE BLOOD-DRIPPING SCARECROW
WITH THE AID OF A FORECLOSE MORTGAGE, BENTLEY LONG HAS BOUGHT A DECREPIT SOUTHERN PLANTATION THAT HE INTENDS TO REFURBISH AND SELL AT A FABULOUS PROFIT!
YOU THERE! I'M BENTLEY LONG, WHO ARE YOU?
JUST CALL ME OL' ZACHARIAH, MR. LONG! BEEN LIVING IN A SHACK ON THIS HERE PROPERTY!
LIVE ALONE HERE, OLD MAN?
ALMOST, MR. LONG... THE SCARECROW AND ME ARE HERE TOGETHER...!

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR STUPID SCARECROW! AND AS FOR YOU, YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE!
SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY, BUT I'M NOT GOING!
YOU HEARD ME! LEAVE!
THIS IS MY HOME AND I'M GONNA STAY PUT HERE UNTIL I DIE...ME AN' MY SCARECROW...
LATER THAT NIGHT, THE TREACHEROUS LONG REVIEWS THE DAY'S EVENTS.
THE OLD MAN MUST GO! THIS PLACE IS ALL MINE! AND THAT SCARECROW OF HIS GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
I'LL SEE HIM AGAIN TOMORROW AND TELL HIM TO GET OFF MY GROUNDS! IF HE DOESN'T... HE WILL LIVE HERE UNTIL HE DIES! HA-HA-HA!
THE NEXT DAY BENTLEY LONG CONFRONTS THE HARMLESS ZACHARIAH!
LIKE I SAID... WE'RE NOT LEAVING!
I'VE WARNED YOU, OLD MAN. YOU WANTED TO LIVE HERE TILL YOU DIE, THEN YOU WILL...
...DIE NOW! YOU OLD SCARECROW! DIE! THIS PLACE IS MINE!
AAAGGGHHHH!

HAVING SLAUGHTERED ZACHARIAH, BENTLEY LONG BURIES THE OLD MAN.
WHEW, WELL, THAT'S THAT! NOW TO REMODEL THE PLANTATION AND RESELL IT FOR A HUGE PROFIT!

THE NEXT DAY, LONG IS SHOCKED BY A PLEASANT SURPRISE!
HA! I KILL OLD ZACH AND NOW THE SCARECROW IS GONE! ...JUST AS WELL...IT MAKES MY JOB EASIER!

THAT NIGHT AS LONG RETURNS HOME...
HMM! THE OLD MAN'S HAT! I THOUGHT I BURIED IT! WHAT'S IT DOING HERE?

THE NEXT DAY...
STRAW! BLOOD-STAINED STRAW! HOW DID IT GET IN HERE?! NO! IT CAN'T BE!

...AND THAT NIGHT...
THE SCARECROW'S GLOVE...HOW DID IT--WAIT! MAYBE I DIDN'T KILL THE OLD MAN...OR AM I GOING MAD?

IN DESPERATION, LONG RUSHES TO ZACHARIAH'S GRAVE AND DIGS OUT THE CORPSE...AND IT'S THE SAME AS HE LEFT IT ONLY NOW THERE ARE BITS OF STRAW STREWN ABOUT--
..THE STRAW--HOW DID IT GET HERE? AIIEEE-- THE HAND! ...IT MOVED!!

LONG TURNS AND RACES AWAY FROM THE GRAVE! BUT HIS ALARM TURNS TO WILD HYSTERIA...AS THE CORPSE RISES IN PURSUIT!
AAAAIIIIIIEEEEEEE!
AAH

TERROR-STRICKEN LONG RACES ACROSS SWAMPS AND FIELDS IN A MAD RUSH FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS MANSION.
GO BACK TO YOUR GRAVE! Y-YOU'RE DEAD! DEAD! DEAD! ...I'LL BARRICADE MYSELF IN THE MANSION!

BUT THE CORPSE KEEPS MOVING CLOSER AND CLOSER ...RELENTLESSLY TOWARD LONG...
STOP! DO YOU HEAR ME,--STOP!

DEADMEN CAN'T WALK ...MAYBE YOU'RE NOT DEAD! THIS GUN WILL CHANGE ALL THAT!
SLUF!
SLUF!
SLUF!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!

THE BULLETS! THEY WENT RIGHT THROUGH HIM!

STUNNED BY THE GRUESOME VISION'S IMMUNITY TO HIS BULLETS, LONG TURNS AND CRASHES THROUGH THE BALCONY RAILING TO A WAITING DEATH!
AS LONG LIES DEAD, A FANTASTIC MACABRE SPECTACLE TRANSPIRES.
HIS LURID TASK COMPLETED ZACHARIAH FALLS AT THE DEAD MAN'S FEET AND A WEIRD TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE...
THE NEXT MORNING...
ZACHARIAH DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AROUND ANYMORE! BUT I SEE HE'S GOT A NEW SCARECROW!
YEP! SORTA LOOKS LIKE THE NEW OWNER LONG!
MARCHIONNE 72
The end

HORROR FACE

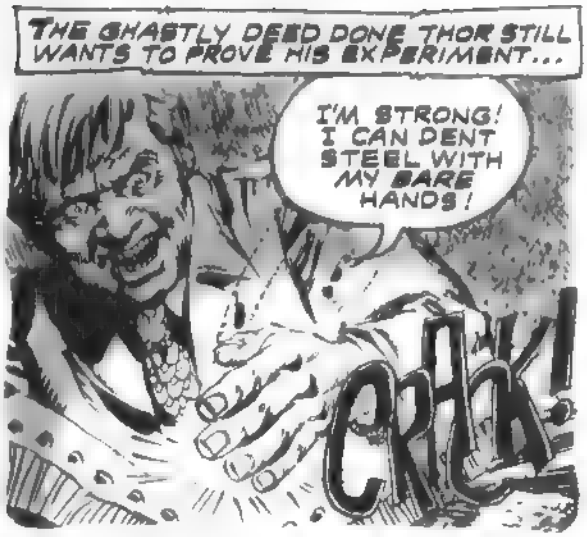
YES, A FACE OF IRON AND A WILL OF STEEL! WELL MIGHT MEN TREMBLE WHEN THEY PASSED HIM FOR HE WAS INVULNERABLE! IT ALL STARTED WHEN..
DR. THOR, YOUR COLLEAGUE, DR. WILSON HAS BEEN TELLING ME OF A NEW SUBSTANCE YOU'VE PERFECTED -- A WAY TO MAKE MEN IMPERVIOUS TO BULLETS AND SHRAPNEL! IS IT TRUE?

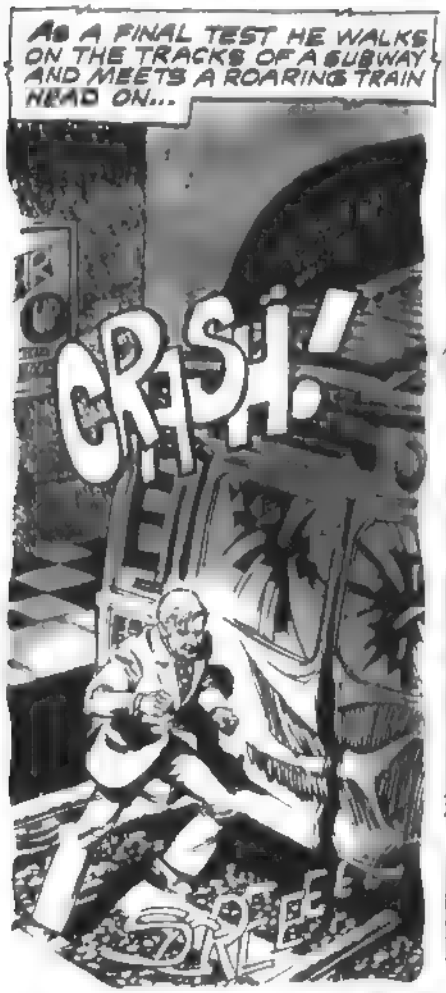
YES, I AM WORKING ON SOMETHING, BUT IT ISN'T PERFECTED YET! WHEN IT IS I WILL SEE THAT THE ARMY HAS USE OF IT!

MMM! A FLUID TO MAKE MEN'S BODIES IMPERVIOUS TO INJURY! WHAT AN ARMY THAT WOULD MAKE!
WILSON, WE'VE WORK TO DO...LET'S GO!
RIGHT!
DR. THOR! WHERE'S YOUR MASK? THESE FUMES ARE VERY DANGEROUS!
QUIET, WILSON! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING!
NOXIOUS FUMES SLITHER INTO DR. THOR'S BODY AND STRIKE LIKE A TON OF T.N.T.!
AARRGHH! I'M EXPLODING INSIDE!
LATER...
HE'S COMING TO! I WARNED HIM ABOUT THOSE FUMES!
...I-I FEEL SO STRANGE... OH, IT'S YOU, WILSON... AND MAJOR...
EASY! YOU HAD A CLOSE CALL! TAKE THE REST OF THE DAY OFF
...I'M ALMOST SURE THAT WAS THE RIGHT COMBINATION! MMM... I MIGHT AS WELL TAKE THE SHORT CUT ACROSS THE RANGE...
AS THOR, DEEP IN THOUGHT WALKS ACROSS THE TARGET GROUNDS...
JOE! HOLD IT! THERE'S SOME CRAZY GUY-- OH! YOU HIT HIM!

MY HEAD! SOMETHING STRUCK ME!
LOOK! HE'S MOVIN'! HE'S ALIVE!
IT'S DR. THOR! HEY, THAT BULLET HIT HIM AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF BLOOD! YOU OKAY, SIR?
OF COURSE I'M OKAY, YOU IDIOTS! LET ME ALONE!
HEY, JOE! LOOK AT THIS SLUG! IT'S TWISTED AS IF IT HIT AN ARMORED PLATE!
THAT'S ODD! THE DOC'S HEAD MUST BE MADE OF IRON!
IT WORKED! THOSE BULLETS NEVER HARMED ME!
BUT THE BULLETS LEFT A DIFFERENT EFFECT ON HIS SKULL--IT MADE HIM INSANE!
DR. THOR... I THOUGHT YOU WENT HOME!
WILSON, EH? NOSING AROUND--GOING TO STEAL MY GLORY! I'LL FIX HIM!
DOC--WHAT ARE YOU--ARHHH!
I'LL SHOW YOU...
RHSH

AHA! FRENTONIC ACID IS GOOD FOR MANY THINGS! LISTEN... IT DISSOLVES HIS BODY HUNGRILY!


THE GHASTLY DEED DONE THOR STILL WANTS TO PROVE HIS EXPERIMENT...
I'M STRONG! I CAN DENT STEEL WITH MY BARE HANDS!
CRACK!


AS A FINAL TEST HE WALKS ON THE TRACKS OF A SUBWAY AND MEETS A ROARING TRAIN HEAD ON...
CRASH!

I HAVE PASSED THE TEST! I HAVE TRIUMPHED!

I TELL YOU THERE WAS NOTHING AND NOBODY ON THE TRACKS WHEN WE WERE HIT!
HA! I SURE MADE AN IMPRESSION ON THAT TRAIN!

THE INDESTRUCTABLE MAN WENT HOME THAT NIGHT WITH A WILD GRIN OF POWER ON HIS FACE... BUT THE NEXT MORNING...
HUH? WHAT'S THIS? I'M BLEEDING! BUT THAT CAN'T BE...UNLESS THE FLUID IS WEARING OFF!

ON MANIACAL FURY THOR RUSHES TO THE LAB AND STARTS TO DISTILL THE STRENGTH GIVING LIQUID!
PAIN! I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL HORRIBLE PAIN! THE EFFECTS ARE WEARING OFF! I MUST HURRY!
THE DELAYED PAIN NOW BEGINS TO WRACK THOR'S BODY UNTIL EACH OF HIS BONES SEEM TO SPLINTER AND THE BRAIN TWISTING AGONY MAKES HIM SEE...
EH? WHAT WAS THAT?
OHOO! MY HEAD! KEEP BACK.. YOU!
And THEN, LIKE TORTURED METAL, THOR'S HEAD CRACKS IN BODY-SPLITTING PAIN! NOW HE SUFFERS THE AGONY THAT BEFORE HE DID NOT FEEL!
AHHH
AHHHH
AAii
THOR! THOR, LET US IN! WHAT IS IT?
AAiiiiEEEE
HE SOUNDS LIKE HE'S CRACKED UP!
LOOK AT THE MAN, SIR! HOW HORRIBLE! BUT WHAT COULD HAVE DONE THAT TO HIM?
I DON'T KNOW... BUT HE LOOKS AS IF HE WAS HIT BY A TRAIN...I GUESS WE'LL NEVER KNOW!
THE END

TERROR in STONE

BURIED UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THE YEARS LIE TERRIBLE SECRETS SHROUDED IN **MYSTERY** AND HEAVY WITH **HORROR**...!

MAGAGNO

ON A DARK, DESERTED COUNTRY ROAD, A YOUNG COUPLE COME UPON A ***STRANGE*** LITTLE SHOP...

LET'S GO IN, GEORGE! HE MIGHT HAVE SOME VALUABLE ANTIQUES!

I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THE PLACE, CAROL! IT GIVES ME THE ***SHIVERS***!

WON'T YOU COME IN, MY FRIENDS? I HAVE MANY FINE ANTIQUES TO SHOW YOU.

W-WE'D LIKE TO SEE THEM...

LOOK AT THAT FIGURINE, GEORGE! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!
I THINK YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN THIS STATUE!
AS IF IN A STRANGE ECHO TO GEORGE'S FEARS, A STATUE IS SHOWN WHICH FILLS THE AIR WITH THE SUDDEN AND NUMBING CHILL OF EVIL!
THIS SHOP FRIGHTENS ME A LITTLE! THESE-- THESE THINGS LOOK SO--- UNNATURAL...
THIS STATUE IS A PORTRAIT OF A WOMAN WHO BELONGED TO AN ANCIENT WITCH CULT!
HER FACE IS EXACTLY LIKE MY WIFE'S ONLY HER FEATURES ARE GROTESQUELY-- TWISTED--!
...FASCINATING! IT MIGHT GIVE MY FRIENDS A SHOCK WHEN THEY SEE IT!
...WE'LL TAKE IT!
AS THE SALE IS COMPLETED AND THE COUPLE STARTS TO LEAVE, A GHASTLY SMILE PLAYS ABOUT THE LIPS OF THE ANTIQUE DEALER...
YOU ARE SMILING, MY MASTER. WHY?
I DID NOT TELL THEM ABOUT THE CURSE!
THE CURSE OF THE STATUE IS THIS: EACH MEMBER OF THE WITCH CULT, IS DOOMED TO KILL THE ONE SHE LOVES MOST. WHEN THIS IS DONE SHE IS TURNED INTO A STATUE TO BE RESTORED TO LIFE WHEN HER DESCENDANT KILLS SOMEONE IN TURN. UNTIL THIS HAPPENS SHE REMAINS A STATUE.

WHILE IN THE CAR, THE STATUE REMAINS A QUIET STRANGER AND SILENT PASSENGER...

I WONDER WHAT **TERRIBLE** STORY THAT STATUE COULD TELL?

IT'S UNUSUAL BUT THAT STATUE LOOKS LIKE YOU. COULD IT BE RELATED TO YOU IN SOME DISTANT WAY?

SUDDENLY, THE HUSBAND TURNS HIS HEAD TO SEE A **FRIGHTENING** TRANSFORMATION IN HIS WIFE'S FACE, AS IT SUDDENLY TWISTS INTO A MASK OF EVIL!...

NONSENSE! GEORGE, WHY ARE YOU STARING AT ME?

...YOUR FACE---IT'S CHANGED!

HOW? WHAT HAPPENED?

YOU'RE SEEING THINGS... DRIVE CAREFULLY, THERE ARE STEEP CLIFFS AROUND HERE!

SUDDENLY....

WOW! SOME PLACE TO GET A FLAT! WE'RE LUCKY! WE'RE SITTING RIGHT AT THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF!

ARE WE?

NOW THE VOICE THAT COMES FROM CAROL'S LIPS STRIKES **TERROR** AT HER HUSBAND'S HEART...

I AM COMPELLED TO **KILL** YOU, GEORGE! THE CULT OF THE WITCHES COMPELS ME TO **KILL** YOU!!

HUH?

YOU MUST **DIE!**

CAROL! YOU'VE FLIPPED! **STOP! STOP!**

SLOWLY, SLOWLY THE STATUE-LIKE CREATURE MOVES TOWARD HER VICTIM, PUSHING HIM FURTHER TOWARDS THE EDGE OF DOOM...
MY ANCESTORS DEMAND YOUR LIFE! ONLY THEN CAN THEY BE FREE!
CAROL, STOP!
DIE!! DIE!!
YOU'RE MAD! GO BACK! I'M AT THE EDGE!
A SHORT WHILE LATER, TWO POLICEMEN FIND A DESERTED CAR, THE HIDEOUS STATUE OF A WOMAN, AND AN ATMOSPHERE HEAVY WITH MYSTERY AND FOREBODING...
WHERE'S THE DRIVER?
AND WHERE DID HE GET THIS STRANGE, REPULSIVE STATUE? LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING THE DEVIL HIMSELF MADE!!
THANK YOU, SISTER, BLOOD OF MY BLOOD—YOU HAVE BROKEN THE CURSE ON ME! PERHAPS SOME CENTURY YOU WILL BE AS FORTUNATE! NOW I AM FREE... FREE....FREE!!
AND THERE IS NO ONE LEFT TO TELL THE TALE OF THE CURSE...ONLY A BROKEN BODY AND A WEIRD, SILENT STATUE!
THERE'S THE DRIVER, WHAT A FALL! WONDER HOW HE GOT THERE?
The end

THE SHRUNKEN MONSTER

AH-H-H!! IT.. IT'S A HEAD! A--A--SHRUNKEN HEAD!
MICHAEL CAST THE PUTRID MASS UPON THE TABLE HE LOOKED AT IT IN FEARFUL FASCINATION...
IT'S GLOWING... AND THE EYES ARE BLINKING!! OH, NO--I MUST BE DREAMING!
THE GROTESQUE MOUTH BEGAN TO OPEN AND SIGH...
MICHAEL STEARNS ...COME CLOSER AND LISTEN TO MY STORY.
NO! NO! I MUST BE GOING MAD!

MANY MOONS AGO I WAS PRIESTESS IN THE SUGALI TRIBE OF THE ORINOCO HEAD-HUNTERS, BUT I WAS IN LEAGUE WITH THE DEVIL-GOD! I HAD POWERS OF EVIL WHICH MADE MY TRIBESMEN FEAR ME!
MICHAEL'S HYPNOTIZED MIND WAS FORCED ACROSS THE SEA AND INTO THE TEEMING JUNGLES TO WITNESS THE SATANIC POWERS OF THE PRIESTESS!
STOP HER! SHE'S TURNING MY SON INTO A MONSTER!
I WILL KILL YOU!

IT IS DONE! HEH-HE-HEE! NOW I SHALL RULE WITH MY EVIL POWER--ALL SHALL BOW DOWN TO ME!
SEIZE HER!

FOOLS! KILL ME IF YOU THINK I CAN DIE! BUT FIRST I PUT THE CURSE OF LIVING DEATH UPON YOU ALL! YOU SHALL SLEEP WHILE THE FLESH ROTS OFF YOUR BONES, AND YOU SHALL NEVER RISE UNTIL I RETURN AND BID YOU TO DO SO...
HA HA HA
THEN SLOWLY MICHAEL'S INCREDULOUS MIND WAS GUIDED BACK TO THE THING OF TERROR WHOSE SINISTER SMILE CONFRONTED HIM...
..THEN THEY SHRUNK MY HEAD...I WAS DISCOVERED BY AN EXPLORER WHO BROUGHT ME HERE! YOU KNOW THE REST...
GOOD LORD!
I NEED A BODY FOR MY HEAD! I WILL GIVE YOU GREAT POWER AND WEALTH AND CONTROL OVER DEATH IN EXCHANGE FOR A BODY FRESHLY DECAPITATED!
YOU..YOU MEAN YOU WANT ME TO..TO..
THE THOUGHT OF THIS HORRID PROPOSAL FILLED MICHAEL WITH TERROR! TO KILL FOR THIS THING WAS MORE THAN HIS MIND COULD CONTAIN.. YET...
YES! I'LL DO IT! POWER AND WEALTH WILL BE MINE! WHAT IS ONE LIFE, ONE MURDER!
MICHAEL APPROACHES HIS BEAUTIFUL VICTIM WITH VISIONS OF WEALTH...

THE UGLY KNIFE DOES ITS BRUTAL WORK...
THAT'S OVER! NOW I MUST GET BACK WITHOUT BEING SEEN...
YOU HAVE DONE WELL! NOW FOLLOW MY DIRECTIONS! FIRST PLACE MY HEAD ON THE BODY!
AS THE FOUL HEAD WAS PUT UPON THE LOVELY BODY, A STRANGE AND WEIRD MOAN WAS HEARD, LIKE A DEMON HOWLING AT THE MOON.. THEN...
NOMO OG DIAKETI TIMA..

EXITIR YA MIYOGURT!

PUFF

WHEN THE BLINDING LIGHT DIMMED, MICHAEL BEHELD THE GHASTLY APPARITION WHICH HE HAD HELPED TO CREATE...
I- I'VE N-NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO HORRIBLE!
OUR WORK HAS JUST BEGUN WE MUST SET SAIL FOR MY VILLAGE WHERE I SHALL EXERSIZE THE POWERS WHICH ARE MINE BY OCCULT KNOWLEDGE! YOU SHALL MAKE THE ARRANGEMENTS, MICHAEL!

SHE HAS A PRETTY FIGURE-- I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER FACE?
PROBABLY SOME CELEBRITY AND WANTS PRIVACY. THE STEWARD SAYS SHE'S GOING TO TAKE ALL HER MEALS IN HER CABIN!
EVERY TIME THAT VEILED WOMAN PASSES I GET A HORRIBLE CHILL!
I GET THE SAME CREEPY FEELING!
AH! AT LAST THE PORT! I CAN FEEL THE EVIL POWERS BURGING WITHIN ME: SOON REVENGE AND POWER SHALL BE MINE!
MUST MUST I GO WITH YOU?
FAR UP THE UNEXPLORED RIVER FETID WITH THE VENOMOUS CRAWLING CREATURES OF THE DANK FORESTS, THE TINY BOAT SLITHERED..
THAT POINT UP AHEAD! THAT'S WHERE WE LEAVE THE BOAT! OUR JOURNEY IS NEARING ITS END!
I CAN'T WAIT! THE LAND CAN'T BE AS BAD AS THIS RIVER!
AAAH-HH! LOOK: THOSE THINGS! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
DO NOT FEAR THEM! THEY ARE CREATURES OF EVIL AND MY FRIENDS! AS LONG AS YOU ARE WITH ME NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU! ALONE, YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED THE MOMENT YOU SET FOOT IN THE JUNGLE
MY VILLAGE! AFTER ALL THIS TIME I HAVE RETURNED AS I PROMISED NOW I SHALL RULE AND YOU MICHAEL SHALL BE REWARDED
BUT--BUT IT'S DESERTED! NOT A LIVING SOUL ANYWHERE NEAR HERE

BUT THE VILLAGE WAS NOT DESERTED. CAVERNOUS EYES WATCHED WITHOUT SEEING. SKULLS IN A DEATH-LIKE SLEEP OCCUPIED EVERY FILTHY HOVEL...
MY CURSE! IT WORKED!
SKELETONS! A WHOLE VILLAGE FULL OF THEM!
NOW TO MAKE THE DEAD RISE!! AID ME YOU EVIL SPIRITS AND CREATURES OF THE JUNGLE! 'ARRA BIANITES! SARTORIS ARRISBY!
DOGID MAGYOSBAT!

ACCURSED RACE!!! NOW DO MY BIDDING... DANCE!!! DANCE THE DANCE OF THE LIVING DEAD!!
OH!! HOW HORRID! I MUST GET AWAY! NO WEALTH IS WORTH THIS...

DANCE FOOLS! HEEEE-- HE-HE!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
THE MAD, WILD DANCE OF THE LIVING DEAD CONTINUED THRU THE NIGHT, AND THE MANIACAL THROBBING OF THE DRUMS CARRIED TO EVERY CORNER OF THE JUNGLE..

...AND REACHED THE EARS OF HORRIFIED NATIVES MILES AWAY...
DRUMS COME FROM THE VILLAGE OF DEATH! EVIL SPIRITS ARE LOOSE TONIGHT!
BOOM BOOM
WE MUST SACRIFICE TO GODS! THEY ARE IN ANGER!
HEEEEE! DANCE AND BOW BEFORE ME! BOW I SAY! HEEE! HEE!
I CAN'T STAND THIS...I...I MUST DO SOMETHING!

THE MADNESS SNAPPED THE DELICATE TISSUES OF MICHAEL'S BRAIN, HE PANICKED AND.
I--I'LL KILL HER...THEN MAYBE THE DANCING WILL STOP! I--I MUST STOP IT!
NO! NO!! DON'T! I'VE OFFERED YOU RICHES. DON'T BE A FOOL!
ARRRR
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TIME WHICH PICKS BONES CLEAN, CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM IN THE VILLAGE OF DEATH! AND AS THE LAST BIT OF TISSUE FALLS AWAY, THE FAINT SMILE SEEMS TO PLAY ABOUT THE MOUTH OF THE SHRUNKEN HEAD!

And THE DAYS PASSED AS THE MURKY DEPTHS OF THE JUNGLE TRIED TO HIDE THE HIDEOUS SCENE OF TERROR AND HORROR...

THE SILENCE OF THE EVIL VILLAGE REMAINS UNBROKEN UNTIL...

LOOK, SMITH! A VILLAGE!

SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE SUGALI TRIBES! THIS COULD BE INTERESTING!

COULD HAVE BEEN A PLAGUE, SO MANY OF THEM!
EASY TO SEE IT WASN'T WAR! THEY'VE ALL GOT THEIR HEADS!
WE OUGHT TO FIND SOMETHING OF VALUE HERE ANYWAY!

THEN AS IF PLANNED THE EVIL SKULL WAS FOUND!
LOOK! A SHRUNKEN HEAD! THESE ARE VALUABLE! WHAT LUCK!

IT'S A BEAUTY!

AGAIN THE SHRUNKEN SKULL OF THE PRIESTESS OF THE DEVIL RETURNS TO SEEK NEW PREY FOR HER LOVE OF POWER AND VENGEANCE..
WELL, SMITH- HOME AGAIN AND WITH GOOD CURIOS TO MARKET EH?
YES BUT YOU KNOW, EVER SINCE WE PICKED UP THAT HEAD IN THE DESERTED VILLAGE I'VE FELT VERY UNEASY! I'LL BE GLAD WHEN WE'RE RID OF IT!

FIFTEEN DOLLARS ONCE! FIFTEEN DOLLARS TWICE! SOLD TO THE GENTLEMAN! I'M SURE YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED, SIR!

And ANOTHER UNSUSPECTING VICTIM OF THE SPIRITS OF EVIL IS TEMPTED BY FATE TOWARD POWER AND OCCULT KNOWLEDGE...
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO GET HOME TO SEE WHAT I BOUGHT!
HE HE
THE END

THE DEMON STAR

THE SPACESHIP CONTINUED ITS RELENTLESS COURSE INTO THE GRINNING *JAWS OF DEATH*! THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK... AND THEN THE TONGUES OF FLAME LASHED OUT TO ENGULF THE CRAFT...

WHAT WAS THE THOUGHT OF EACH MAN AS HE FACED HIS HORRIBLE END?

IN THE YEAR 2253 A SPACESHIP OF THE GALACTIC FLEET WAS HURTLING THROUGH THE COSMOS TO INVESTIGATE A REPORT THAT ONE OF THE STARS WAS ABOUT TO BECOME A SUPER NOVA.

THE OLD MAN HAS BEEN IN A MEAN MOOD FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS!

I THINK HE SUSPECTS WE'RE HEADING FOR TROUBLE!

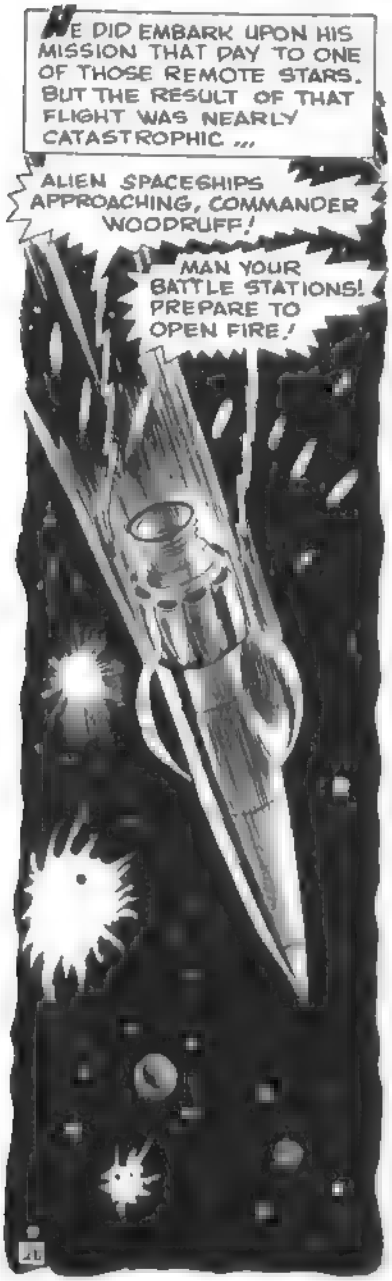
COMMANDER BEN WOODRUFF, THE LEADER OF THE EXPEDITION, WAS DISLIKED BY MOST OF HIS MEN BECAUSE OF HIS DISCIPLINARY ATTITUDE. BUT WOODRUFF WAS A MOST MISUNDERSTOOD MAN... HE NEVER SPOKE OF HIS RESTLESS, DISCONTENTED SOUL WHICH DROVE HIM ONWARD IN THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS...

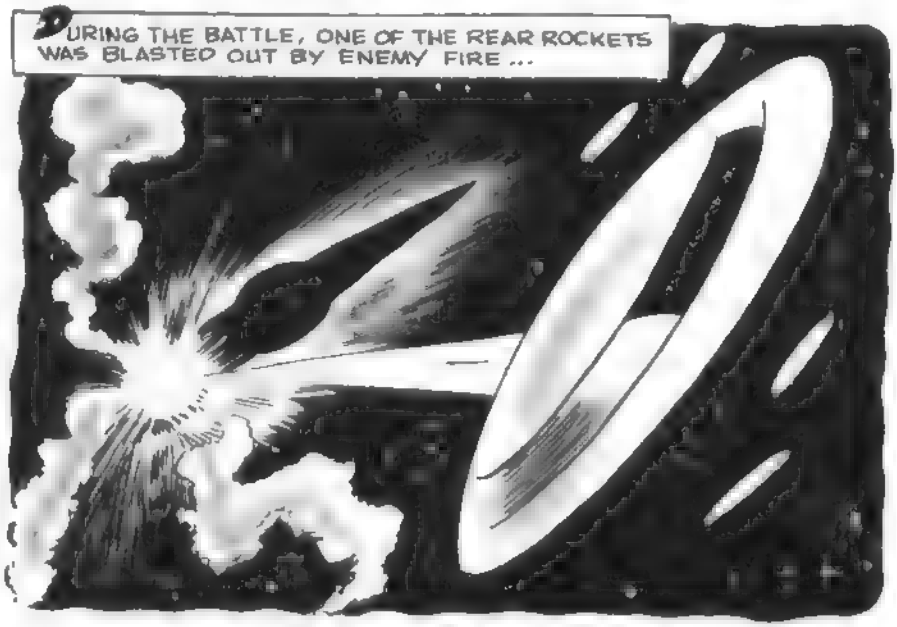
OH WENDRA, MY WIFE... I TRIED SO HARD... BUT YOU WERE NEVER ABLE TO UNDERSTAND...!

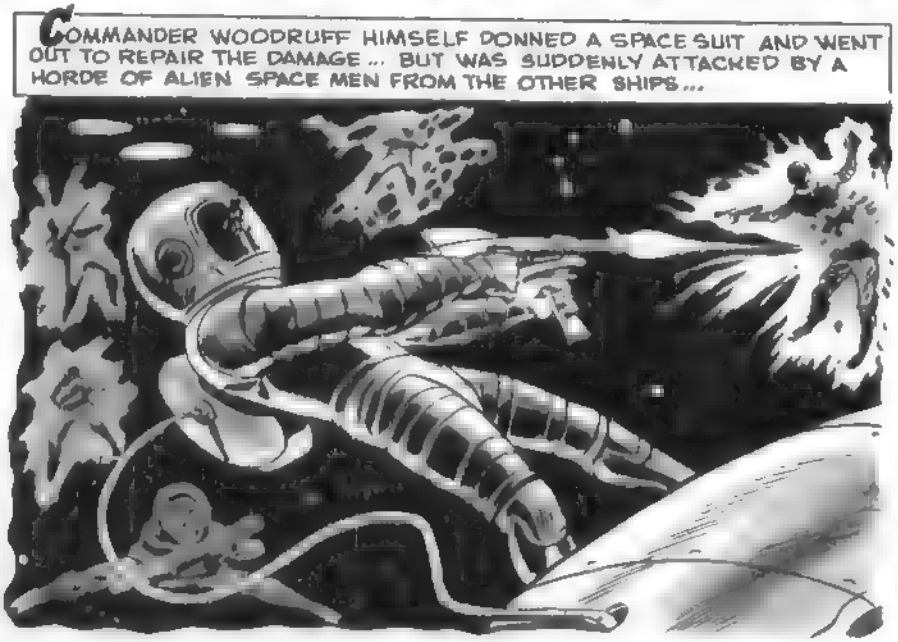
AS THE SHIP DRONED ON, WOODRUFF RECALLED THAT FATEFUL NIGHT WHEN HE BADE FAREWELL TO WENDRA ...
BEN... YOU'RE SHIPPING OUT!?! HOW CAN YOU LEAVE ME AT A TIME LIKE THIS? THE BABY WILL ARRIVE IN A FEW WEEKS! OH, BEN, I NEED YOU SO ...
I'M SORRY, WENDRA, I'VE GOT TO GO!

BUT I NEED YOU, BEN! OH, DARLING, EVER SINCE I KNEW YOU, YOU'VE BEEN DISCONTENTED AND RESTLESS! WHY DO YOU CONTINUALLY GO BACK INTO DEEP SPACE?
I DON'T KNOW, WENDRA ... PERHAPS A PLACE WHERE A MAN'S SOUL CAN FIND TRANQUILITY IS SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, AMONG THE STARS!

IT DOESN'T EXIST! AREN'T YOU SATISFIED HERE WITH ME?
WENDRA, I LOVE YOU MORE THAN LIFE ITSELF! BUT I'VE GOT TO GO BACK ONCE MORE...THEN OUR LIVES WILL BE FILLED WITH HAPPINESS!


HE DID EMBARK UPON HIS MISSION THAT DAY TO ONE OF THOSE REMOTE STARS. BUT THE RESULT OF THAT FLIGHT WAS NEARLY CATASTROPHIC ...
ALIEN SPACESHIPS APPROACHING, COMMANDER WOODRUFF!
MAN YOUR BATTLE STATIONS! PREPARE TO OPEN FIRE!


DURING THE BATTLE, ONE OF THE REAR ROCKETS WAS BLASTED OUT BY ENEMY FIRE ...


COMMANDER WOODRUFF HIMSELF DONNED A SPACE SUIT AND WENT OUT TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE ... BUT WAS SUDDENLY ATTACKED BY A HORDE OF ALIEN SPACE MEN FROM THE OTHER SHIPS...

"FIVE YEARS AGO, COMMANDER WOODRUFF HEADED UP AN EXPEDITION TO ARCTURUS. IT WAS MY FIRST TRIP IN SPACE, AND I MADE ALL THE MISTAKES IN THE BOOK, BUT MY WORST MISTAKE WAS TO WANDER OFF ON MY OWN... I WAS ATTACKED BY ONE OF THE MOST HORRIBLE CREATURES IMAGINABLE! THREE MEN DIED ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE ME... BUT BEN WOODRUFF DIDN'T GIVE UP! HE HACKED THE THING WITH HIS SPACE AXE UNTIL IT DIED!"

"ANOTHER TIME, ON GANIMEDE, WE WERE FORCED TO CHOOSE A MEMBER OF OUR CREW TO FIGHT A DEFORMED GIANT. THE COMMANDER INSISTED ON FACING THE MONSTER ALONE! HE WOULDN'T LET ANY OF US RISK OUR LIVES! HE DEFEATED THE GIANT TOO!"

OKAY, SO HE ISN'T A COWARD! BUT WHY DOES HE KEEP RIDING US? WHY DOESN'T HE ACT HUMAN FOR A CHANGE?
CAN'T YOU SEE HE'S EATING HIS HEART OUT FOR HIS WIFE? HE HAS TO PUT ON A FRONT... OR HE'LL CRACK UP!

YES, HE WAS THINKING OF HIS WIFE .. HE WAS THINKING OF THAT EVENTFUL DAY THREE YEARS AGO... WHEN HE RETURNED FROM A LONG VOYAGE AND WAS WELCOMED BY WENDRA ... HE REALIZED HOW LONELY HE HAD BEEN DURING THOSE ENDLESS MONTHS IN SPACE! HE HAD PROMISED HIMSELF THEN AND THERE HE WOULD NEVER GO BACK!
OH, BEN... PLEASE... NEVER LEAVE ME AGAIN...
NEVER... NEVER!

FOR ONE YEAR, HE WAS HAPPY AND CONTENTED WITH HIS WIFE... HE HAD ALL THAT AN ORDINARY MAN COULD DESIRE... BUT THEN, COMMANDER BEN WOODRUFF WAS NO ORDINARY MAN!
BEN, IT'S HAPPENED AGAIN... HASN'T IT? YOU'VE GOT THE WANDERLUST ONCE MORE... I SEE IT IN YOUR EYES...
WENDRA... I CAN'T EXPLAIN... BUT I'VE GOT TO GO BACK JUST ONCE MORE!

OH, BEN, PLEASE DON'T GO! I CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF LOSING YOU AGAIN!
PLEASE, WENDRA, DON'T MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR ME! IT WON'T BE FOR LONG... AND THIS TIME I'M SURE I'LL FIND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR!

MISFORTUNE CONTINUALLY DOGGED THE PATH OF COMMANDER WOODRUFF... HIS SHIP WAS ATTACKED BY A TITANIC ENTITY FROM A DARK AND DISTANT WORLD!

BY SWIFT ACTION, THE CREW HAD MANAGED TO ESCAPE DISASTER THAT DAY UNDER COMMANDER WOODRUFF'S DIRECTION, THE CREATURE WAS BLASTED TO COSMIC DUST!

COMMANDER! OUR VIEWS OF "STAR X" REVEAL A SUDDEN INTENSITY OF COMBUSTION! IT *IS* TURNING INTO A *NOVA*! IT'S GONNA BLOW... AND WE'RE RIGHT IN IT'S PATH!

WHAT!?! REVERSE ROCKETS IMMEDIATELY!

ATTENTION, ALL CREWMEN! NOW HEAR THIS! EVERY MAN AT HIS STATION AT ONCE! DECELERATE THE SHIP... OPEN UP ALL ROCKETS! WE'LL NEED ALL THE FIRE-POWER WE CAN MUSTER TO OUT RACE THIS HOT GLOBE!

THE COMMANDER'S ORDERS WERE QUICKLY CARRIED OUT, BUT TO NO AVAIL...

SIR! THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF THE STAR HAS INCREASED A HUNDRED-FOLD! THE ROCKETS HAVE *NO EFFECT!*

WE'VE GOT TO REVERSE OUR POSITION!

IN SPITE OF THE HERCULEAN EFFORTS OF THE CREW TO TURN THE SHIP ABOUT, THE MIGHTY VESSEL CONTINUED ITS RELENTLESS COURSE, RIGHT TOWARD THE MAW OF THE SUPER NOVA...

THE STAR IS EXPANDING IN SIZE! THIS HEAT IS UNBEARABLE!

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEADS! EACH MAN DON HIS SPACE SUIT! WE'LL HAVE TO ABANDON SHIP!

THE MEN WERE QUICK TO OBEY BEN'S ORDER, BUT THE UTTER FUTILITY OF THE EFFORT BECAME APPARENT...

THE FLAMES ARE COMING TOWARD US! THEY'LL SWALLOW THE SHIP! WE CAN'T ESCAPE!

WE'LL ALL **DIE!**

PANIC GRIPPED EVERY MAN ON BOARD THAT ILL-FATED SHIP AS A TONGUE OF FLAME REACHED OUT TO ENGULF THE CRAFT IN AN EMBRACE OF *DEATH* ...

BUT AN INSTANT BEFORE CONTACT...
WENDRA! WENDRA! FORGIVE ME FOR THE PAIN AND ANGUISH I'VE CAUSED YOU! YOU WERE RIGHT, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW! *I DIDN'T KNOW!*

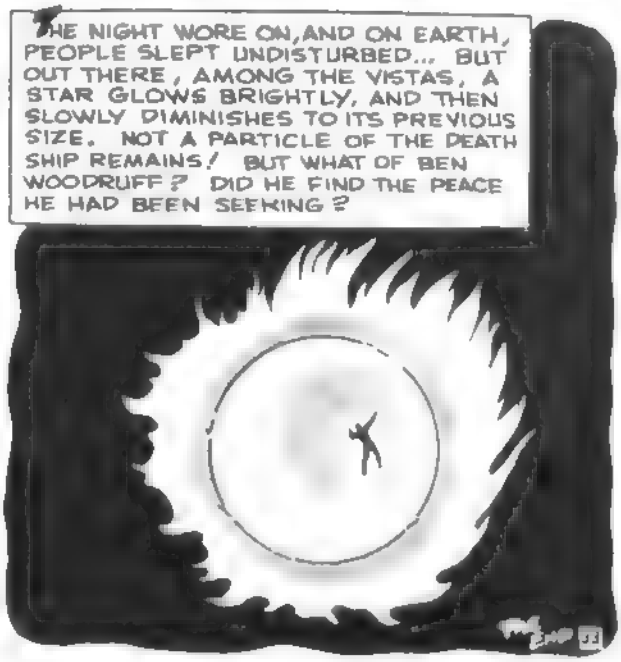
AND THEN THE TERRIBLE ENVELOPE OF DEATH STRUCK! THE STEEL STRUCTURE COLLAPSED AND CONDENSED INTO A WHITE-HOT STEAM! THE MAGAZINES EXPLODED AND THE CREWMEN OF THE DEATH SHIP WERE FLUNG OUT AMONG THE COSMOS ...

NOT A SINGLE MEMBER OF THE CREW ESCAPED DEATH FROM THAT AWFUL HALOCAUST!

AND, AT THAT MOMENT BACK ON EARTH, WENDRA AWOKE FROM SLUMBER, SHOUTING HYSTERICALLY...
BEN! BEN!

WHERE ARE YOU?

HE'S DEAD! I KNOW HE'S DEAD! OH, BEN... HOW CAN I GO ON WITHOUT YOU?!?


THE NIGHT WORE ON, AND ON EARTH, PEOPLE SLEPT UNDISTURBED... BUT OUT THERE, AMONG THE VISTAS, A STAR GLOWS BRIGHTLY, AND THEN SLOWLY DIMINISHES TO ITS PREVIOUS SIZE. NOT A PARTICLE OF THE DEATH SHIP REMAINS! BUT WHAT OF BEN WOODRUFF? DID HE FIND THE PEACE HE HAD BEEN SEEKING?

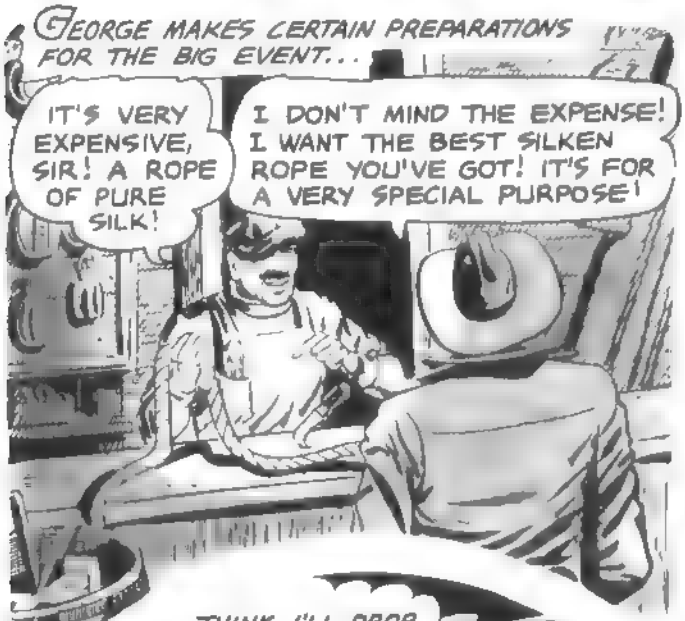
DOOM OF EVIL

A VERY WISE MAN ONCE SAID THAT— "THERE IS A MONSTER IN US ALL." PERHAPS, BUT MOST OF US MANAGE TO KEEP HIDDEN OUR EVIL THOUGHTS! THIS IS THE TALE OF A MAN WHO COULDN'T RESTRAIN THE DEMON IN HIM, A MAN WHO WAS DOOMED FROM BIRTH TO CELEBRATE A HANGMAN'S HOLIDAY...

THE YEARS PASS, AND GEORGE WORTH REACHES MIDDLE AGE! LONG AGO HE HAD FOUND AN OCCUPATION TO SUIT HIS TALENTS...
I HOPE EVERYTHING IS READY, WARDEN! YOU KNOW I LIKE TO WORK FAST AND SMOOTHLY!
I KNOW, GEORGE! I MUST SAY THAT YOU SEEM TO— UGH— ENJOY, ENJOY YOUR WORK!
OF COURSE I ENJOY IT! WHY NOT? THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT A NICE, WELL OILED ROPE THAT...
NEVER MIND, GEORGE! YOU MAKE ME A LITTLE SICK AT MY STOMACH! GOODBYE!
FOOL! AS THOUGH SOMEONE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THE DIRTY WORK! JUST BECAUSE I HAPPEN TO ENJOY IT, HE LOOKS DOWN ON ME!
GEORGE'S BIG MOMENT...
YOU MUST BE BRAVE, MY SON!
HAH— NONE OF THEM ARE BRAVE! THEY ALL WHIMPER! I LIKE THAT!
AFTERWARD...
NOT BAD TODAY! HE SCREAMED AT THE VERY LAST! BUT I STILL HAVEN'T REALIZED MY LIFE'S AMBITION..
THERE! ONE MORE! BUT BEFORE I RETIRE I WANT TO HANG A WOMAN!

POOR GEORGE! MONTHS PASS AND STILL HIS SECRET AMBITION IS UNREALIZED! THEN ONE DAY...
AT LAST! MONA TRENT SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR KILLING HER HUSBAND!

AH! I'VE WAITED TWENTY YEARS FOR THIS CHANCE! AFTER I HANG MONA I CAN RETIRE HAPPY!
TO HANG!
MONA TRENT


GEORGE MAKES CERTAIN PREPARATIONS FOR THE BIG EVENT...
IT'S VERY EXPENSIVE, SIR! A ROPE OF PURE SILK!
I DON'T MIND THE EXPENSE! I WANT THE BEST SILKEN ROPE YOU'VE GOT! IT'S FOR A VERY SPECIAL PURPOSE!

THAT NIGHT..
SO FINE AND SOFT! JUST RIGHT FOR A WOMAN'S TENDER THROAT!

THINK I'LL DROP IN AND PAY THE WARDEN A LITTLE VISIT! MAYBE I CAN GET A LOOK AT MONA TRENT!

BUT GEORGE GETS A RUDE SHOCK...
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, GEORGE, BUT THE CHANCES ARE GOOD THAT MONA MAY GET A REPRIEVE!
A REPRIEVE! NO! THAT C-CAN'T BE TRUE!

IT'S ONLY A RUMOR, BUT THERE'S TALK ABOUT NEW EVIDENCE. I HOPE SO, GEORGE! I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU GET CHEATED OUT OF THIS ONE! YOU'RE A GHOUL!

GHOUL, AM I! I'LL SHOW HIM YET! BUT THEY CAN'T REPRIEVE MONA, THEY CAN'T! SHE'S THE ONLY WOMAN I'LL EVER HAVE A CHANCE TO HANG!

THE ENTRANCE TO THE DEATH HOUSE! I WONDER IF I CAN GET A LOOK AT MONA! THE WARDEN ORDERED ME TO KEEP OUT, BUT...

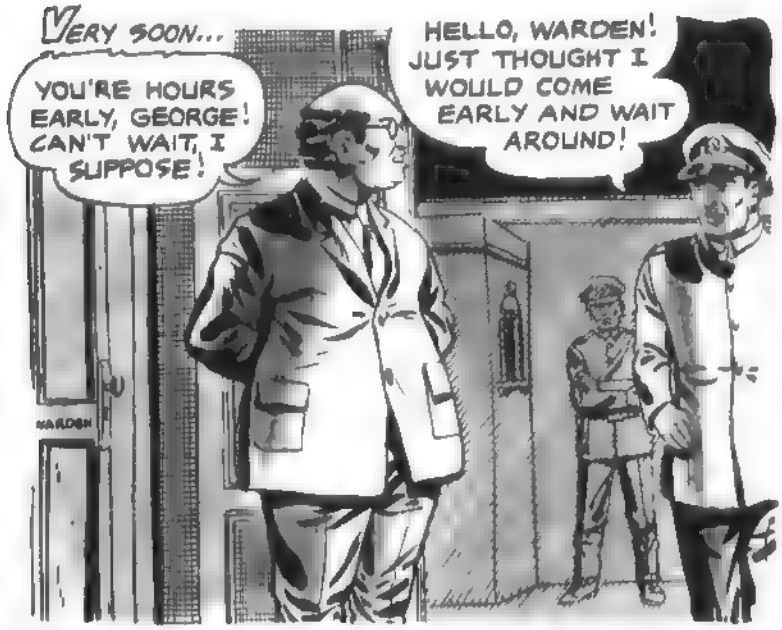
SO... IT'S ALL RIGHT, MAC! THE WARDEN SAID I COULD TALK TO MONA TRENT FOR A FEW MINUTES!
WELL, OKAY THEN! I GUESS IT'S ALL RIGHT! THE FOURTH CELL DOWN!

A MINUTE LATER...
HELLO, MONA! I'M YOUR FRIEND! THE ONLY REAL FRIEND YOU'VE GOT LEFT IN THE WORLD!
W—WHO ARE YOU?

BETTER BE NICE TO ME, MY DEAR! I CAN MAKE IT PAINLESS IF I WANT TO! YOU SEE—I'M GOING TO HANG YOU!
THE H-HANGMAN!
SCREAMING WON'T—(CHUCKLE)—HELP YOU, MONA!

THE DAYS PASS AND THE TIME OF EXECUTION GROWS NEAR. ON THE VERY DAY...
NO WORD YET AS TO WHETHER OR NOT MONA TRENT WILL GET A LAST MINUTE STAY OF EXECUTION! THE GOVERNOR IS DUE BACK FROM A TRIP TWO HOURS BEFORE THE TIME SET...
THE FOOLS! THEY'LL CHEAT ME YET—I FEEL IT! IF ONLY I COULD DO SOMETHING!

MAYBE I CAN DO SOMETHING! THERE'S A MASTER SWITCH AT THE PRISON THAT CONTROL ALL THE ELECTRIC CLOCKS! I WONDER...
NOW I'LL JUST SET THE CLOCKS AHEAD A LITTLE! HAVE TO DO IT GRADUALLY, A FEW MINUTES AT A TIME, SO NOBODY WILL NOTICE!


VERY SOON...
YOU'RE HOURS EARLY, GEORGE! CAN'T WAIT, I SUPPOSE!
HELLO, WARDEN! JUST THOUGHT I WOULD COME EARLY AND WAIT AROUND!
WARDEN

AT HIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY...
LITTLE BY LITTLE HE SET THE CLOCKS AHEAD UNTIL FINALLY, HE HAS GAINED AN HOUR! THEN...

ONLY HALF AN HOUR, WARDEN! HADN'T WE BETTER GET STARTED?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! THE GOVERNOR SHOULD HAVE CALLED BEFORE NOW!
I'VE NEVER SEEN TIME GO SO FAST! ALMOST AS THOUGH I WERE THE ONE BEING HANGED!
HAH—HAH—I'D LIKE THAT, WARDEN! BUT RIGHT NOW I'LL SETTLE FOR THE GIRL!

LATER...
NO! PLEASE DON'T! IT'S NOT TIME YET!
I'M AFRAID IT IS, MONA!
HURRY, YOU FOOLS! HURRY!
THAT'S FUNNY! MY WATCH HAS LOST AN HOUR! HMMM— I WONDER! BUT NO, THE PRISON CLOCKS ARE ON WESTERN UNION TIME, THEY'RE NEVER WRONG!
AND SO MONA TRENT LOSES BY ONE PRECIOUS HOUR...
A FEW MINUTES LATER THE PHONE RINGS IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE...
HELLO! OH, GOVERNOR! YES, WE CARRIED OUT THE EXECUTION ON SCHEDULE! AT TWO O' CLOCK... WHAT?
HAVE YOU GONE MAD DOWN THERE? IT'S ONLY QUARTER AFTER ONE NOW! I WAS GOING TO REPRIEVE THAT GIRL! THIS WILL BLAST US BOTH OUT OF OUR JOBS, YOU FOOL!
I C-CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT, SIR! OUR CLOCKS...
BUT LATER, AFTER CHECKING THE CLOCKS, THE WARDEN COMES TO UNDERSTAND...
I KNOW, BUT WHO WILL BELIEVE ME? HE MUST HAVE TAMPERED WITH THOSE CLOCKS SOMEHOW! THE SADISTIC FIEND! OH, THAT POOR GIRL! HER FAMILY...

A FEW NIGHTS LATER AS GEORGE, STILL CHUCKLING, READS HIS PAPER...
HUH! WHO ARE YOU?
JIM TRENT! MONA'S BROTHER! I'M GOING TO KILL YOU, WORTH!

NO! DON'T! I NEVER HURT YOU!
SHUT UP! THE WARDEN TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED AT THE PRISON THAT NIGHT! HE CAN'T PROVE IT— BUT I DON'T NEED ANY PROOF! IT'S ON YOUR FACE!

RUN, GEORGE! RUN FOR YOUR MISERABLE, WORTHLESS LIFE...
MISSED ME! MAYBE I CAN GET AWAY— THAT BUILDING NEXT DOOR...

A DESPERATE LEAP...
G—GOT TO MAKE IT!

MISSES...
YAAAAAAAAA—

MUST HAVE JUMPED AND GOT TANGLED IN THE ROPE! SOME WORKMAN LEFT IT THERE, I GUESS. BROKE HIS NECK!
UGH— TERRIBLE!
GOODBYE, GEORGE! NOBODY WILL CRY FOR YOU!
The End

MONSTER IN WHITE

WITHIN THE WHITE WALLS OF A HOSPITAL, DEATH IS A FREQUENT VISITOR, PLACING ITS WET, CLAMMY FINGERS ON MANY A FEVERED BROW... BUT WHO COULD RECKON WITH THE SUDDEN VIOLENCE, THE CRUSHING HORROR THAT WAS CALLED...

OH, NO! WHAT DREADFUL MONSTER HAVE WE CREATED?

OSCAR FRAGA

SUDDENLY, THE PATIENT RISES FROM THE TABLE BUT INSTEAD OF THE **HUMAN BEING** THAT HAD LAIN THERE, A **LOATHESOME HALF-HUMAN** APPEARS, A MONSTROUS CREATION OF THE SURGEON'S KNIFE!!

THERE!! I HAVE THE KEY AND THE LOCK IS SECURE!
BUT HE'S SO STRONG ... I M AFRAID...

THAT EVENING IN THE DAMAGED BRAIN OF THE CAGED MONSTER THERE IS NO RECOLLECTION OF HIS FORMER STATE...ONLY RESENTMENT, BRUTE ANIMAL INSTINCT... AND TERRIBLE STRENGTH!

WITH HANDS GROWN FIERCE AND POWERFUL, THE BEAST RIPS OPEN THE BARS OF HIS HATED PRISON...

...AND FRANTICALLY DESTROYS THE DOOR OF THE ROOM!

HE'S ESCAPED! I MUST FIND DR. PHILLIPS!
NURSE! DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!

HELP! HELP!

As THE DEMONIAC CREATURE CONTINUES TO STAIN THE HALLS OF THE HOSPITAL WITH FRESHLY SPILLED BLOOD, THE POLICE ARRIVE...
CAN'T SOMEBODY STOP HIM? HIS STRENGTH IS INHUMAN!

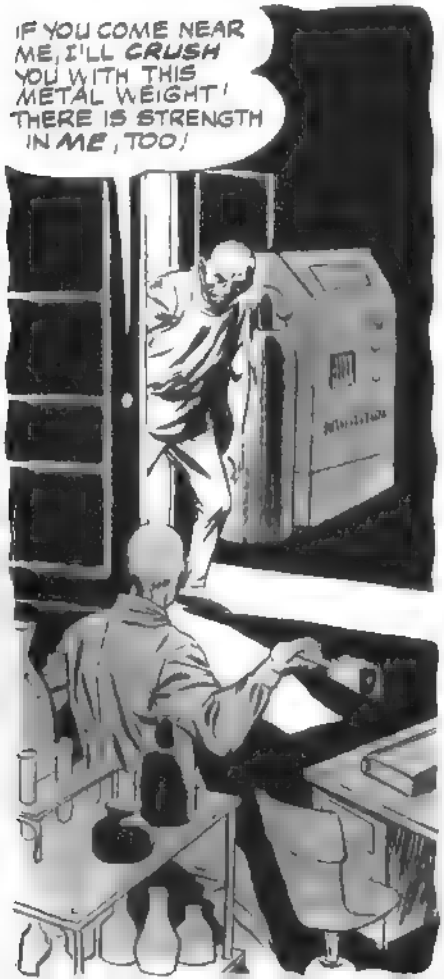
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES LEFT! THE OTHERS ARE DEAD OR HAVE RUN FOR THEIR LIVES!
WE CREATED THIS MONSTER AND IT'S OUR DUTY TO DESTROY HIM! MAYBE HE WENT BACK TO HIS ROOM!
THE ROOM IS EMPTY!
LET'S GO INSIDE AND WAIT FOR HIM TO RETURN!
As THE MINUTES PASS...
I CAN HEAR THE POLICE BELOW-- SEARCHING FOR HIM!
WE MUST BE PREPARED TO KILL HIM AT ONCE! THAT NEEDLE IS OUR LAST..

HE-HE'S COMING IN...THAT LOOK IN HIS EYES... HOW HORRIBLE! I-I CAN'T MOVE MY ARMS!
DOCTOR THE NEEDLE! ONLY THAT DRUG CAN STOP HIM!

RUN MISS BAXTER! I DROPPED THE NEEDLE!
AIEEEE!!

LET GO OF ME! YOU CAN'T KILL ME!

HE'S GOT MISS BAXTER-- AND NOW HE WANTS ME!!! BUT WHERE CAN I HIDE? HE'LL FIND ME ANYWHERE!!


IF YOU COME NEAR ME, I'LL CRUSH YOU WITH THIS METAL WEIGHT! THERE IS STRENGTH IN ME, TOO!

THERE! WE WILL SEE IF YOUR INJURED BRAIN CAN STAND SUCH A BLOW!!

IN HIS DESPERATE MOVE, PHILLIPS FALLS AGAINST THE TABLE, AND A BEAKER OF SEARING ACID COMES HURTLING DOWN UPON HIM!

QUICKLY, THE ACID EATS AWAY AT HIS FACE CAUSING EXCRUCIATING AGONY--AND A HORRIBLE AND SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION..
MY FACE! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY FACE??

THERE HE IS!! LET'S GET HIM!
HE IS A BEAST OF SOME SORT!
I CAN'T SEE! I CAN'T--

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'M A DOCTOR AND I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MONSTER ON THE FLOOR...IT WAS AN ACCIDENT...

YOU CAN'T GET AWAY!

WITH THE VIOLENT BLOW OF THE METAL WEIGHT THE BRAIN OF THE BEAST IS SUDDENLY RESTORED TO ITS FORMER HUMAN STATE...
MY HEAD.. WH-WHERE AM I?? WHAT'S HAPPENED?
YOU'VE HAD A NARROW ESCAPE MISTER. ANOTHER MINUTE AND THAT CREATURE WOULD'VE CRUSHED YOU TO A PULP!

...AND THE DOCTOR, HIS FACE A MONSTROUS MASK OF HORROR, SPRAWLS LIFELESS ON THE FLOOR...
POOR GUY! SOMETHING MUST'VE SNAPPED IN HIS BRAIN! WE'LL NEVER KNOW THE TRUE STORY!
THE END

the SLIMY GARGOYLE

MY! THIS PLACE HAS ALL THE CHARM OF A DUNGEON!
WELL, YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT IT'S DIFFERENT! UH... TEA AND CAKE FOR TWO, WAITER...

NOW... IT STARTS! THE WHEELS MESH... AND IT BEGINS...

PERHAPS THE LADY WOULD LIKE TO SEE INTO THE FUTURE? THE TEA LEAVES SPELL THE FUTURE!
SAY, GOOD IDEA-- SEE IF YOU CAN SEE ANY MORE DATES FOR ME IN THE BOTTOM OF THE CUP!
OH...!

I SEE... DOOM! BEWARE... BEWARE OF THE DARK MAN AND THE TEETH OF THE DRAGON!

REMEMBER... YOU HAVE NO WINGS... YOU CAN'T FLY! BEWARE THE DARK MAN AND THE TEETH OF THE DRAGON!
JOHN, PLEASE.. I'VE HAD ENOUGH! I-I DON'T LIKE THIS..
UHH. THANKS VERY MUCH! YOU SURE DO PUT ON A GOOD SHOW HERE!

I'M PROBABLY BEING A FOOL, BUT... MY GOOSE PIMPLES FEEL LIKE ICE CUBES! LET'S GO, JOHN...
OKAY! BUT.. RELAX! IT'S ALL A BIG GAG!

NOW, FATE IS THROWN INTO SECOND GEAR... AND CLOSES IN ON ELLEN TEMPLE...
WHAT DOES IT MEAN? WHY'D SHE TELL ME TO REMEMBER I HAVE NO WINGS?
...AND "TEETH OF THE DRAGON!" WHAT SILLY NONSENSE, ELLEN! C'MON, I'LL TAKE YOU HOME... FORGET IT, HONEY!

JOHN, I HATE TO FRET, BUT I'M WORRIED! ANYWAY, THANKS FOR THE AFTERNOON!
IF IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, LET IT BE SAID THAT I'M THAT DARKMAN IN YOUR LIFE... AND FROM NOW ON I'LL KEEP A MUZZLE ON MY PET DRAGON! SO LONG!

JOHN FINALLY GOT HER TO LAUGH, BUT THEN...
OH, MISS TEMPLE--THERE WAS A MAN HERE LOOKING FOR YOU THIS AFTERNOON! SMALL, DARK FELLOW... DRESSED ALL IN BLACK... SPOKE FUNNY, TOO... SAID IT WAS URGENT THAT HE SEE YOU!

HER BRAIN BEGAN TO REEL...
BEWARE... THE DARK MAN... THE DARK MAN...

HER NERVES BECAME RAMRODS -- STIFF AND OBSTINATE!
OH! I'M JUMPY AS A CAT ON A HOT STOVE! I'VE GOT TO GET OUT... GO TO A MOVIE, THAT'S IT... A GAY, LIVELY COMEDY!
CRASH

SHE TRIED TO GAIN RELEASE...
THAT WAS FUN! I'VE BEEN SUCH AN IDIOT, LETTING CATS, SHADOWS AND A POOR OLD LADY IN A TEA SHOP FRIGHTEN ME...

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I'VE GOT TO JUMP! MAYBE I CAN LAND ON THAT LEDGE BELOW! THERE HE IS! I MUST... I MUST...

BUT IT WAS A ROAD...

THAT LED TO A...

...DEAD END!
HORRIBLE! SHE HIT THE MOUTH OF THAT DRAGON STATUE IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING!
WONDER WHAT DRIVES PEOPLE TO DO THINGS LIKE THAT?

DID I HEAR YOU SAY YOU KNEW HER, BUDDY?
YES... I WAS LOOKING FOR HER FOR A LONG TIME! HER UNCLE, AN OLD COUNT IN FRANCE, LEFT HER A SMALL FORTUNE! I CAME TO BRING HER THE NEWS!

A MILLION BUCKS! GEE... WHY WOULD A GIRL LIKE THAT WANT TO COMMIT SUICIDE?
WHO KNOWS, MY FRIEND? LIFE... SOMETIMES IS VERY STRANGE!
THE END